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Monthly Visitors.

Dec.	1.	Mrs. Fox.	Dec.	15.	Mrs. Storer.
Jan.	1.	Mrs. Westcott.	Jan.	15.	Mrs. Bacon.
Feb.	1.	Mrs. Davis.	Feb.	15.	Mrs. White.
March	1.	Mrs. Durant.	March	15.	Mrs. Bennett.
April	1.	Mrs. Teele.	April	15.	Mrs. Wright.
May	1.	Mrs. Shaw.	May	15.	Mrs. Davis.
June	1.	Mrs. Storer.	June	15.	Mrs. Westcott.
July	1.	Mrs. White.	July	15.	Miss Palmer.
Aug.	1.	Mrs. Bacon.	Aug.	15.	Mrs. Shaw.
Sept.	1.	Mrs. Wright.	Sept.	15.	Mrs. Durant.
Oct.	1.	Mrs. Bennett.	Oct.	15.	Mrs. Teele.
Nov.	1.	Miss Palmer.	Nov.	15.	Miss Murdock.

Regular meetings of the Trustees are held at the Home on the second Friday in January, February, April, May, July, August, October, and November, and on the second Saturday in March, June, September, and December.

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OF

THE AVON HOME.

AGAIN the Trustees of the Avon Home come before the Cambridge public with an account of their stewardship. During the last twelve months nineteen children have been admitted ; sixteen have been discharged, of whom one has been adopted, one has gone to the Liversidge Institution at Mattapan, one is boarded in a family, while the others have returned to their parents or friends.

We have still the old troubles with parents to meet: intemperance, neglect of duty, carelessness amounting to cruelty, and extreme poverty; but, on the other hand, so many kindnesses of our friends, that we are encouraged to go on.

At Christmas the children enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Manson's Kindergarten, receiving useful presents, and such influences as we hope may serve to keep the Christ-child feeling in their hearts. Dr. McKenzie's church also gave them a Christmas supper, so delightfully carried on, and so attractive, that it was by far the most beautiful entertainment that had ever come to gladden their young hearts. St. Peter's Episcopal Church and many others sent them gifts; then their own good time at the Home made indeed a "Merry Christmas." A New Year's reception was given to the mothers, the children passing

refreshments and entertaining their visitors in a most charming but simple way.

Our Home has been improved by a new piano, bought with a fund started by the children themselves, then helped on by the Prospect Street Congregational Sunday School and the First Baptist Sunday School, and finished by substantial gifts from others.

Our physicians have so promptly and cheerfully responded to all calls upon them that we almost accept their services as our right, and forget to express the gratitude we feel. Dr. Preble, the specialist in throat diseases at the Cambridge Hospital, has also given valuable advice and treatment.

Rev. Mr. Mandell celebrated his birthday as usual by taking every one in the Home for a drive, each having a day of great pleasure. Then, too, by the kindness of Mayor Sortwell, and others, pleasant excursions were taken to Nahant, Norumbega Park, Watertown, City Point, and Mattapan. A barge ride to Crescent Beach, through the kindness of Colby Brothers, gave rest and recreation, while occasional lunches on the lawn at the Home were greatly enjoyed.

We know others will be as pleased as we were to hear of the marriage of one of our girls to a respected young man. Entering her new life with such fair prospects, we all rejoice with her. Another is soon to make a home for herself with a deserving husband, who without the helping hand of the Avon Home would doubtless be in the deepest poverty, if not worse. These are the little things along the way that glorify our work; these your rewards too, in seeing grow into useful members of society the children whom your gifts have helped to raise from poverty, if not degradation.

The May Day sale was very pleasant, although not so profitable as last year; but we hope for better things next time, for we have a family of forty children, besides the

help, to be fed three times every day, clothed, and warmed. All through the house a cheerful, homelike atmosphere extends; growing plants and flowers help to brighten; while lately, enough plants raised by the children have been sold to give them pennies to carry to Sunday School during the year.

The Avon Club held its annual sale to help us; St. Peter's Episcopal Church refurnished the hospital room. We thank them both most heartily. Many gifts of clothing, fruit, milk, furniture, and money have been received, without which this great work of love could not be carried on.

We have high authority for saying that "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war," and we have a signal instance of this truth in the case of the Avon Home during the past year, when there has been such demand for thought and time and money. The claims, however, of "the children left destitute within the limits of Cambridge" have not been neglected, and the close of our twenty-fourth year finds us in good courage, and, as always, out of debt.

We express our gratitude for the help and sympathy of our friends, but we are still persistent beggars, as we have in our treasury about half enough money for our daily needs, our invested property giving us this amount upon which to depend. For the other half, and for emergencies, we must ask for generous subscriptions. We cannot yet do anything towards founding the "Trade School," for which we should like to use the pleasant farm in Concord, which we have owned for several years and which gives us but a small rent. We still send our little boys, whom we have tried to civilize and educate, into the wide world just at the age when they are so much exposed to evil influences.

Merely as a matter of economy, the city of Cambridge would do well to enable us to train the boys, who are too

old to remain in our Home, into useful citizens, instead of allowing them to become candidates for reformatories. We reiterate this statement, because we believe it to be of vital importance.

If our present work could be supplemented by a longer training of the boys in a country home under the care of our Trustees, we should feel that no charitable institution of its size, in the State of Massachusetts, was doing more good than the Avon Home.

SARAH S. STORER.
ALICE G. TEELE.

FORM FOR LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to THE AVON HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

PERMANENT FUND OF THE AVON HOME.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Permanent Fund	$531.19
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	9,333.91
Holly Tree	4,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Memorial Fund	150.00
Donation from Daniel H. Richards	100.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Clarissa B. Rindge	2,500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Anna M. Woodman	5,000.00
Gracie A. Smith Memorial Fund	500.00
Donation from William Taggard Piper	500.00
Donation from a Friend	2,000.00
Legacy of Moses Wildes, 2d	2,000.00
Elizabeth H. Foxcroft Memorial Fund	303.82
Helen L. Edmands Memorial Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Caroline A. Wood	2,500.00
Legacy of Miss Mary E. Reed	172.13
Legacy of Mrs. Eliza P. Wilson	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. Emily Burleigh	500.00
Donation of Francis C. Foster	1,000.00
Legacy of Henry R. Glover	1,000.00
Legacy of Samuel Longfellow	500.00
Legacy of Jonathan W. Bemis	500.00
Legacy of Mrs. S. E. W. Brackett	5,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet A. Hayes	50.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary E. Waitt	250.00
Legacy of James Mellen	1,000.00
John W. and Belinda L. Randall Fund	1,000.00
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00
Legacy of Miss Harriet E. Moore	100.00
By gain from exchange of bonds	166.00
	$44,357.05

Emergency Fund	$500.00
H. M. S. Fund	51.10
Piano Fund	3.84

The Funds are invested as follows: —

Notes secured by mortgages	$20,100.00
Bonds	18,459.95
Railway shares	4,772.00
Savings Bank deposit	1,441.94

Dr. THE TREASURER, *in Account with* THE AVON HOME. Cr.

1897, Nov. 10.

Balance, Cash on hand from old account		$339.13
To Cash from year ending November 8, 1898: —		
One half of Thanksgiving Collection at Union Service in Wood Memorial Church	$9.17	
Fair at 49 Linnæan Street by Avon Club	125.00	
Prospect St. Church	26.23	
"The Hive," Mrs. Thorp, Pres.	10.00	
Thanksgiving Collection at Union Service in North Avenue Baptist Church	7.54	
Four boys on Highland and Brewster Streets	.67	
Harvard St. M. E. Church	7.00	
Shepard Memorial Sunday School	21.87	
"The Club," Miss Howe, Pres.	10.00	
North Avenue Baptist Primary Class	10.00	
Prospect St. Sunday School, for Piano	68.07	
First Baptist Sunday School "	11.00	
Individual Donations "	25.50	
Individual Donations	578.50	
Annual Subscriptions	993.00	
Board	315.50	
General Income	2,172.76	
May Sale	779.61	
Rent of Concord Farm and Sale of Wood thereon	343.00	
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet N. S. Fay	1,000.00	
Legacy of Mrs. Harriet E. Moore	100.00	
Drew from Savings Bank	6.43	
		6,620.85
		$6,959.98

1898, Nov. 8.

By Cash paid for Expenses of the Home: —		
Salary of Matron and Employees	$2,053.53	
Provisions and Groceries	1,911.15	
Fuel, Gas, and Water	450.38	
Boots, Clothing, and Dry Goods	241.61	
Furniture and House Utensils	87.33	
Piano	100.00	
Improvements and Repairs	298.90	
Druggist	39.85	
Printing	70.00	
Insurance	15.00	
Taxes	100.00	
Board	11.50	
Excursions	24.50	
Legal Charges	50.00	
Sundries	77.77	
		$5,531.52
Invested for H. M. S. Room		51.10
Invested for Permanent Fund		961.90
Balance apportioned as follows: —		
Held for investment	138.10	
Held for Piano Fund	11.00	
Held for Repairs	100.00	
Cash on hand for Current Expenses	166.36	
		415.46
		$6,959.98

November 10, 1898.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find the footings correct and vouchers for all expenditures. OLIVER H. DURRELL, *Auditor.*

MARY A. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

For the year ending November 8, 1898.

Mrs. G. W. Abbot	$5.00
Mrs. F. A. Allen	1.00
Mrs. A. F. Amee	1.00
Mrs. J. B. Ames	5.00
Mrs. M. A. Bacon	1.00
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Mrs. J. W. Bemis	5.00
Miss S. C. Bent	2.00
O. T. Boyd	2.00
Miss S. H. Bradford	5.00
Miss Edith Bradford	2.00
Mrs. H. O. Bright	5.00
S. J. Brooks	5.00
S. B. Buck	5.00
Mrs. S. E. Buck	2.00
Mrs. S. G. Bulfinch	1.00
Mrs. W. A. Bullard	2.00
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Mrs. S. F. Burt	1.00
Mrs. Lucien Carr	5.00
Miss E. F. Cary	5.00
Mrs. Newell Chamberlain	1.00
Miss L. M. Chamberlin	1.00
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Mrs. A. P. Clark	1.00
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Mrs. William Cook	5.00
Mrs. L. F. Cornelius	1.00
Mrs. John Crawford	1.00
Mrs. A. McF. Davis	1.00
Mrs. Samuel Davis	5.00
Mrs. M. W. Dewey	1.00
Miss A. A. Douglass	5.00
Mrs. Anna E. Douglass	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dresser	15.00
Mrs. W. B. Durant	2.00
Oliver H. Durrell	50.00
Mrs. C. W. Eliot	5.00
Mrs. E. R. Ellis	2.00
Miss M. A. Ellis	10.00
Mrs. F. I. Eustis	5.00
Mrs. Emily Everett	5.00
Mrs. J. C. Fisk	10.00
Mrs. A. L. Floyd	1.00
Mrs. G. H. Folger	2.00
Mrs. F. C. Foster	25.00
Mrs. Jabez Fox	5.00
Mrs. Norton Folsom	2.00
Kuno Francke	3.00
Mrs. F. B. Gilman	2.00
Mrs. L. M. Goodnow	5.00
Mrs. B. F. Goodrich	10.00
Miss A. M. Goodwin	5.00
Mrs. H. B. Goodwin	$5.00
Mrs. Asa Gray	10.00
Miss Frances Gray	1.00
Miss E. W. Green	2.00
Mrs. James Greenleaf	20.00
Mrs. L. B. Grover	1.00
Mrs. C. L. Harding	5.00
Miss Elizabeth Harris	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hayes	20.00
Miss C. A. Hedge	5.00
Mrs. J. L. Hildreth	5.00
Mrs. S. B. Hildreth	25.00
Mrs. W. L. Hooper	5.00
Mrs. A. A. Howard	2.00
Miss K. McP. Howe	5.00
Mrs. M. G. Howe	5.00
Mrs. R. T. Howes	1.00
Mrs. C. E. Hubbard	10.00
R. J. Hudson	1.00
Mrs. M. E. Hyde	2.00
Mrs. G. P. Johnson	2.00
Mrs. Anna E. Jones	2.00
B. M. Jones	5.00
Mrs. C. L. Jones	10.00
C. W. Kingsley	100.00
Mrs. W. B. Lambert	5.00
Mrs. F. B. Lane	5.00
Mrs. D. D. Lawrence	2.00
Mrs. William Lawrence	15.00
Mrs. N. F. Lincoln	1.00
D. G. Lyon	2.00
Mrs. F. Maguire	1.00
Mrs. S. L. Montague	10.00
Miss Annie Moore	1.00
Miss Jennie Moore	2.00
Miss H. W. Munroe	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Munroe	20.00
Miss Maria Murdock	10.00
J. J. Myers	5.00
Mrs. N. C. Nash	2.00
Miss S. R. Neal	2.00
Mrs. Fred. Odiorne	1.00
Miss S. H. Page	1.00
Miss Jeannie W. Paine	15.00
Mrs. Cazneau Palfrey	2.00
Miss L. M. Palmer	20.00
Mrs. E. M. Parker	10.00
Mrs. F. G. Peabody	10.00
Mrs. F. Perrin	1.00
The Misses Pike	1.00
Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Mrs. P. G. Porter	1.00
Mrs. David Proudfoot	1.00
Mrs. B. R. Rand	5.00
Mrs. H. C. Rand	5.00

C. C. Read	$5.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Read	10.00
William Read	5.00
Mrs. W. M. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Richardson	5.00
Mrs. G. F. Ricker	1.00
Mrs. G. B. Roberts	5.00
Mrs. J. L. Ross	20.00
Mrs. G. E. Ryder	1.00
Mrs. A. H. Saville	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Sears	5.00
Miss M. T. Sedgwick	5.00
Mrs. M. C. Shaw	2.00
Mrs. George Sheffield	5.00
Mrs. M. E. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. Chauncey Smith	5.00
Mrs. J. B. Smith	3.00
Mrs. A. F. Sortwell	5.00
Mrs. R. L. Snow	5.00
Mrs. I. M. Spelman	10.00
Mrs. W. F. Stark	2.00
The Misses E. and H. Storer	10.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer	10.00
Mrs. Stoughton	10.00
Mrs. S. H. Swan	$10.00
Mrs. C. H. Taft	1.00
Miss C. A. Taggard	5.00
Mrs. J. B. Thayer	3.00
Mrs. J. H. Thayer	2.00
Mrs. H. N. Tilton	1.00
C. H. Toy	1.00
Mrs. A. T. Turner, Jr.	2.00
Benjamin Vaughan	30.00
F. W. Vaughan	5.00
Miss M. H. Virgin	2.00
A. S. Waitt	5.00
Miss C. L. Ware	3.00
Mrs. A. C. Wellington	1.00
Mrs. J. A. Wellington	5.00
Mrs. W. W. Wellington	1.00
Mrs. Henry Westcott	5.00
C. J. White	20.00
Mrs. J. G. White	20.00
Mrs. W. P. Wiggin	5.00
Miss Mary Woodman	25.00
Mrs. T. F. Wright	10.00
Miss M. C. Wyman	2.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Miss Anne W. Abbot	$20.00
Mrs. Sumner Albee	5.00
F. R. C.	10.00
Miss E. C. Campbell	5.00
C. C. Clarke	25.00
W. M. Davis	10.00
T. B. Gannett	50.00
Mrs. C. H. Grandgent	5.00
Charles G. Green	10.00
R. T. Green	5.00
Mrs. Estes Howe	5.00
Miss Irwin	5.00
W. A. Munroe	12.00
N. C. Nash	100.00
W. H. Neal	5.00
Miss L. M. Palmer	5.00
The Misses Peabody	$50.00
W. T. Piper	25.00
C. C. Read	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Read	25.00
Messrs. Richardson & Bacon	12.50
Warren Sanger	5.00
Miss C. H. Saunders	2.00
Mrs. J. G. Thorp	15.00
H. C. Warren	5.00
Miss Maria Whitney	10.00
John Wilson & Son	10.00
J. A. Woolson	100.00
Miss Alice M. Yeager	1.00
Louis Yeager	1.00
H. D. Yerxa	20.00
A Friend	10.00

FOR THE PIANO.

C. F. Batchelder	$2.00
Mrs. J. G. Brooks	.50
E. Cummings	2.00
W. M. Davis	1.00
G. W. Fitz	2.00
William James	5.00
W. A. Locke	$2.00
F. G. Peabody	3.00
J. M. Peirce	5.00
F. W. Taussig	1.00
A Friend, through W. M. Davis	2.00

Donations of money can be sent to any of the Trustees, or to the Treasurer, Miss Mary A. Ellis, 1756 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge.

Miscellaneous Donations for the Year ending November 8, 1898.

1897. **November.** Mrs. George E. Hazen, boys' clothing; Mrs. H. N. Turner, Mrs. Whittemore, Mrs. Keith, five blouses, three collars, two shirts, two coats, one cap; Mrs. R. F. Richards, five pairs shoes, two blouses, one coat, one hat, one cap; Girls' Friendly Society, Christ Church, three reins; C. Donnison Tower, one coat; Mrs. G. B. Roberts, two coats, one waist; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, six aprons, three nightgowns, three pairs drawers, two pairs shoes, one blouse; A friend, box of infants' clothing; Mrs. Norton Folsom, high chair and sled; Mrs. Walter Woodman, three jackets, two hoods, one rubber coat, three dresses, three underwaists, two skirts, collars, cuffs, and neckties; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, one dozen knit hoods; Mrs. G. L. Goodale, three coats, two pairs trousers, one pair drawers, four pairs stockings, one blouse, two shirts, two pairs shoes; Mrs. T. D. Foster, one coat, one hat; Needlework Guild, Mrs. George P. Sanger, forty garments; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, one turkey; Mrs. Benjamin Vaughan, three chickens; Mrs. R. B. Storer, one turkey; Miss Parsons, twelve glasses of jelly; First Parish Church, large basket of fruit; Mrs. S. N. Holland, barrel of pears; Mrs. Fred. W. Lovell, one coat, two caps, one waist, one dress, one skirt, one pair rubber boots, four pairs stockings, one knit blanket; Mrs. A. A. Howard, one coat; Mrs. George Abbot, doll house with furniture, and toys; "Little Helpers," four towels, four sheets, and three pillow-cases; Mrs. W. T. Sears, six flannel skirts; A friend, box of toys.

December. Mrs. E. S. Gilmore, one reefer, one boy's suit, ten pairs stockings, seven shirts, two pairs drawers, one infant's jacket, one pair slippers; Mrs. C. Carruth, four woollen shirts, four pairs woollen drawers; Mrs. Shaw, one coat; Miss Churchill, making of six garments; C. Donnison Tower, three shirts; Mrs. E. Farnham, child's sleigh and games; Mrs. Charles H. Gass, hat-tree; Miss S. R. Neal, toys; Miss M. L. Drew for the "Crickets," one waist; "The Club," three aprons, one dress, one skirt; Mrs. Evans, two glasses jelly; "O. B. Club," one apron, one pair cotton drawers, four pairs flannel drawers, one infant's jacket; Mrs. Bulfinch, four pairs drawers, two waists, one scarf; Mrs. W. W. Goodwin, books; By express, two infants' shirts, two bands, two wrappers, shirt waist, six shirts, three hoods, one cap, one pair leggings, toys; Mrs. Edwin Hildreth, one wrapper, one pair slippers, toys; Miss H. Graves, one infant's jacket; Arthur and Margaret Allen, toys; Mrs. Caswell, candy; Miss A. E. Tower, four dozen oranges; Mrs. Rogers, candy; Mrs. R. B. Storer, box of oranges; By express, books and three large toys; Mrs. Leavitt, books and candy; Mrs. W. B. Lambert, five dollars for Christmas; Miss Mann, scrap-book; Randolph and Edmund Kelley, six dozen bon-bons; Marian Sortwell, doll and doll's clothing; Ernest W. Thompson, toys; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Fay Mills, ten toys; Mrs. H. W. Munroe, forty toys; Mrs. J. F. Hill, three infants' jackets; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Piper, ten dollars for Christmas gifts; Mrs. E. D. Mellen, seven infants' shirts, four bands, two pairs shoes, six skirts, five waists, two dresses, candy, mittens, and toys; Mrs. Abrams, one cap and toys; A friend, infants' clothing and toys; Mrs. H. S. Nash, toys and rocking-horse; A friend, toys; Mrs. Edward Read, toys; "The Club," six pairs flannel drawers; Shepard Church Sewing Society, six aprons; "The Club," five pairs drawers, two aprons; Mr. Colburn, repairing toy music-box, etc.; "O. B. Club," one pair flannel drawers; Mrs. J. A. Swan, four dozen handkerchiefs.

1898. **January.** Mrs. C. F. Dunbar, nine bibs, two skirts, one apron, one pair drawers; Miss Churchill, making six garments; Mrs. W. B. Lam-

bert, one pair trousers, material for several dresses; Mrs. C. T. Carruth, two chairs for the children; Mrs. Abrams, one pair boots, one pair stockings, one dress, two sleds.

February. "The Club," seven nightgowns, three skirts, four aprons, one pair drawers, one dressing-jacket, pieces for mending; Sewing Club, "Limited," eight aprons, seven nightgowns; Miss Mildred Sears, winter cloak and mackintosh; Mrs. Gooch, two infants' dresses; Penelope Noyes, two waists, one flannel wrapper, drawers, one pair overshoes, gloves, mittens, and bag of beads; By express, eight aprons, seven waists, four sacques, four skirts, one dress, one shirt, two pairs shoes, two pairs rubbers, pair leggings; Mrs. L. L. Holland and Miss Julia Lambert Hubbard, cut flowers; Mr. Aaron Hale, use of horse and carriage; Mrs. Squire, one nightgown, one skirt, five pairs mittens, knitted trimming; Mrs. Winthrop Jameson, infant's blanket, four bibs; Miss Winifred Rogers, valentines; Mrs. W. B. Durant, two flannel blouses; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, two cotton dresses, two woollen dresses, three coats, two guimpes, one pair trousers, one flannel skirt, one blouse, three caps, one pair shoes, one pair gloves; Mrs. Walter Woodman, one girl's coat; Mrs. Woodward Emery, books and toys; Dr. McKenzie, loaf of cake; Miss Churchill, making ten garments.

March. "The Club," seven aprons, two nightgowns; By express, large rocking-horse; Mrs. W. M. Richardson, two doll carriages; Sewing Society of Austin St. Church, three dozen aprons; Marian Read, doll carriage and doll; By express, toys; Mrs. Ambrose Dawes, through Mrs. G. E. Shaw, piano chair; Mrs. W. E. Stone, two undershirts, two pairs drawers, one blouse, eleven picture-books, and a toy; Mrs. Abrams, crib spread; A friend, one woollen dress; "Basket Club," four washcloths, three skirts; Mrs. W. T. Sears, six flannel skirts with waists; Pilgrim Church, "Youth's Companion" and other papers; Dr. Preble, two coats; Miss Annie E. Smith, fourteen hats; Shepard Church Sewing Society, one pair drawers, seven aprons.

April. "The Industrial," four nightgowns, two pairs drawers; Miss Peabody, seven cotton dresses, six pairs drawers, four nightgowns, six aprons, one pillow-case; Mrs. I. M. Spelman, eight pairs drawers, four waists, four aprons, two nightgowns, one dress; Mrs. Benjamin Vaughan, four dresses. "Basket Club," six aprons, ten dresses; Miss C. A. Taggard, six dresses, yarn for children's use; Pilgrim Church Y. P. S. C. E., papers and magazines; Mrs. J. W. Bemis, six cotton dresses; A friend, basket of oranges for Easter; Mrs. Casey, two nightgowns, two hats, one pair trousers; Mrs. Mellen, one coat, one boy's suit, five pairs stockings, one pair rubbers; Mrs. W. E. Stone, one coat, one pair gloves; "John A. Logan Post 186," through C. H. Titus, large box of cake; Mrs. Allen, two hats; Sewing Club, "Limited," eight nightgowns; North Avenue Congregational Church Sewing Circle, making eleven nightgowns; "The Club," six aprons, three dresses, three nightgowns; Mrs. W. B. Wood, infants' clothing; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, one coat and hat; Mrs. J. G. Brooks, five shirt-waists, two collars, one pair underflannels, neckties, one pair shoes and stockings; Mrs. G. W. Bicknell, flannel for skirt; Mrs. Bulfinch, infant's dress, four washcloths; Miss Dana, woollen waist.

May. C. R. Teele, two boxes laundry soap, three dozen cakes toilet soap; A friend, one high chair; Mrs. Moulton, four pairs drawers, papers and magazines; St. Peter's Episcopal Church, for "Sheltering Arms" room, one mattress, one rocker, three chairs, two spreads, four sheets, three rugs, four pictures; Miss Pray, one pair boots; Mrs. Margaret Blackburn and Sunday-School class, "Babyhood" for one year, and binder; Miss E. E. Dickman, papers and colored pictures; Mrs. W. R. Thayer, Christmas cards; Pilgrim Church, paper and magazines; Mrs. Charles F. Dunbar, three skirts, two aprons, one pair drawers; "The Club," one apron, two nightgowns, one skirt; Mrs. C. L. Harding, fifty yards cambric, eight yards silesia; Miss E. S.

Hooper, clothing; Mrs. C. H. Cabot, hat and coat; Mrs. Goddard, one tricycle, doll carriage, two pairs roller-skates; Sewing Club, "Limited," six nightgowns, five aprons; Mrs. Walter Woodman, one jacket, one hat, eight dresses, one blouse, two skirts, six nightgowns; Mrs. T. D. Foster, one jacket, two blouses, two pairs trousers; "O. B. Club," two waists, three pairs drawers; Mrs. Luke Beard, one woollen suit, one cotton dress, one apron; Through Mrs. W. W. Curtis, one cotton dress, one flannel skirt, two flannel waists; Mrs. Harry T. Upham, one cotton dress; Mrs. L. C. Roberts, one dress, one jacket, two shirt-waists; "Wednesday Club," seven skirts.

June. "The Club," three flannelette nightgowns; Mrs. B. F. Janes, eighteen trimmed straw hats; Mrs. A. F. Harlow, one blouse, one shirt, one waist, one cap, one waterproof, two pairs trousers; Mrs. W. D. Swan, infants' clothing; "The Guild," through Mrs. Vaughan, six flannel nightgowns, nine flannel skirts; St. Peter's Episcopal Church, large screen for "Sheltering Arms"; Mrs. James Mellen, box of candy; Mrs. Abrams, one tricycle; Teachers of the Kindergarten, Colgate School, large box of cake; Miss M. H. Deane, clothing; New Church Sewing Society (Cambridge), twelve nightgowns; New Church Sewing Society (Bridgewater), twelve nightgowns; Mrs. Mary Griswold Livermore, seven pairs boots, two pairs slippers, six shirt-waists, three pairs trousers, three coats, three caps, four shirts, four pairs drawers, one sweater, two pairs gloves, two underwaists, toys; Mrs. Edward Channing, one woollen and three cotton dresses; "Basket Club," four gingham skirts, two woollen skirts, two aprons; Mrs. W. B. Lambert, two dresses, and box of woollen pieces; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, two pairs trousers, one bonnet, one hat; Mrs. R. N. Toppan, one tricycle; "F. E. U. A. W. Sewing Club," eighteen gingham aprons, four knit hoods; Sewing, Club "Limited," nine aprons, two flannelette nightgowns; A friend, coat and cap; Mrs. A. C. Wellington, rocking-chair and rocking-horse; Mrs. W. B. Wood, two aprons; W. T. Piper, tricycle and shoes.

July. Mrs. H. Westcott, ice-cream freezer and pick, fire-crackers; "Basket Club," two aprons, two skirts; By express, pair of shoes, shirt-waist, one dress, and stockings; Mrs. F. W. Taussig, box of toys; Mrs. Luke Beard, one child's waterproof; "O. B. Club," three waists, one pair drawers; Mrs. J. S. Swan, large box of cut flowers; Sewing Club "Limited," one apron; Mrs. Codman, two jackets; C. L. Howlett, four white skirts, three dresses, two nightgowns, two coats, one underwaist, four pairs shoes, one shirt, one blouse; "O. B. Club," two aprons.

August. Sewing Club, "Limited," one nightgown, two aprons; Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Woodberry, cut flowers; Mrs. A. A. Howard, baby carriage; Miss Houghton, basket of apples; Mrs. Chauncey Smith, apples; J. C. Scorgie, cucumbers; Mrs. Howes, toys; Mrs. Moynahan, three pairs drawers, one hat, two shirts, three aprons, two nightgowns, one dress, one blouse, one pair trousers, one coat, one wrapper, one crib, and toys.

September. "No Name Club," ten aprons, nine petticoats, five blouses; Miss M. E. Cogswell, sensitive plant; Miss M. H. Deane, twelve pairs socks, two pairs gloves; G. C. Deane, pears and tomatoes; Dr. Wyman, half barrel of apples; Miss Taylor, game; Miss Murdock, lawn-mower; Mrs. Howes, one pair infant's socks, one pair bed socks, one infant's blanket; Mrs. W. B. Wood, two pairs drawers, one dress; Miss Houghton, basket of apples; Mrs. William Read, basket of pears; W. P. Adams, books and magazines; Mrs. George S. Evans, toys and books.

October. Mrs. Whiting, toys; Mrs. Chauncey Smith, one bushel of apples; Mrs. W. T. Sears, six petticoats with waists; Mrs. W. B. Wood, two shirts, one dress; Rev. W. A. Mandell, apples; H. B. Niles, half barrel pears; Dr. McIntire, baby carriage; St. Peter's Episcopal Church, "St. Agnes' Guild," bookshelf and dishes for "Sheltering Arms"; Mrs. F. I. Eustis, three dresses, four shirt-waists, two boys' suits, one coat, two pairs trousers, one sweater, one pair overalls, one pair boots; Sewing Club, "Limited," flannelette wrapper, and apron; Miss Annie E. Smith, fourteen hats; Mrs.

T. L. Smith, one barrel pears; Miss Mary H. Deane, girl's coat, wadded cape, three chemises, two pairs stockings, one pair drawers, summer cape, workbox, and cards; Mrs. M. W. Stone, boy's suit, pair slippers, and toy cat; Sewing Society of Cambridge Y. W. C. A., one quilt; From 36 Arlington St., one barrel apples; Dr. McKenzie, two loaves cake; Shepard Memorial Church, box of cake; Mrs. W. D. Swan, coat; By express, half peck pears; Mrs. W. M. Griswold, two boys' suits; Miss Maccarty, "Wide Awake" for two years; Mrs. A. F. Frost, girl's jacket; Miss Churchill, making ten garments; O. H. Durrell, five cases embroidery samples.

J. C. Scorgie, milk at various times during the year, amounting to at least four hundred and fifty quarts.

Oak Grove Creamery Co., six quarts milk daily in addition to the quantity purchased.

BY-LAWS OF THE AVON HOME.

Article I.

Name. — The name of this Corporation shall be "The Avon Home." Its object shall be to provide a Home for Children found destitute within the limits of Cambridge.

Article II.

Membership. — The members of this Corporation shall be twenty-three in number, to be called Trustees. Vacancies shall be caused by death, resignation, or by failure to attend for twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation, without excuse satisfactory to the Trustees. When such failure occurs, the Trustees shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining Trustees. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Trustees.

Article III.

Officers. — The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Clerk, and two Auditors, to be chosen by ballot from the Trustees at the annual meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers ; and the President, or a committee previously appointed for the purpose, and Treasurer shall report at the annual meeting. The accounts

of the Treasurer shall be audited at least once every year. The Trustees may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the transaction of business.

At the annual meeting the Trustees shall elect, to serve till the next annual meeting, a Board of Advisers, to consist of five or more persons, not Trustees, who may be called upon to consult and advise with the Trustees, and may be requested to meet with any of their committees or to assist in their work.

Article IV.

Meetings. — The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Home on the second Friday in November, at such hour as the Trustees may appoint. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two Trustees, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. Eleven Trustees shall constitute a quorum at the annual meeting, and seven Trustees at any regular or special meeting.

Article V.

Seal. — The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the inscription, "The Avon Home, Cambridge, 1874," and shall be kept by the Clerk.

Article VI.

Amendments. — These By-Laws, with the exception of Article II., may be amended by a majority vote of all the Trustees at any annual meeting, or by the unanimous vote of the Trustees at any regular or special meeting, provided that a notice of the proposed amendment has been inserted in the call for such meeting.

RULES OF THE AVON HOME.

I. In admitting destitute children to the Home, preference shall be given in the following order: *First*, to orphans and foundlings; *Secondly*, to those whose parents or guardians surrender them to the Corporation for the purpose of adoption, or during minority; and *Thirdly*, to those not so surrendered.

Boys over seven and girls over twelve years of age shall not be admitted to the Home; and, in general, boys over nine and girls over thirteen shall not remain at the Home.

Any child admitted to the Home temporarily, without the parent or guardian giving up the child to the Corporation, in writing, for the purpose of adoption or during minority, shall be admitted for a definite time only; and at the end of that time, if the same reasons continue to exist, the Trustees may re-admit the child for a further definite time, unless the child is given up as above stated; provided that, before such second admission, the parent or guardian shall sign a paper giving up the child to the Corporation for adoption, unless removed within six months after the end of the designated period of re-admission.

II. Except in cases of urgent necessity, no child shall be admitted to the Home without the consent, in writing, of two members of the Committee on Admission, or should there not be two members in the city, of any three Trustees, and a certificate of examination from the Visiting Physician. The action of the Committee on Admission shall be reported to the Corporation for approval at its next regular meeting, accompanied by a brief statement of the circumstances.

III. Every child must be vaccinated before entering the Home, unless specially excused by the Committee on Admission.

IV. No child shall be allowed, except in an emergency, to be out of the Home after 7 P. M., without a special written permit from one of the Committee on Admission and the consent of the Matron, previously obtained.

V. All the children shall attend the same Protestant church and Sunday School, unless specially excused by vote of the Corporation.

VI. In case of death, no child shall be taken from the Home for burial without a religious service being held at the Home, except with the consent of one of the Committee on Admission, who fully understands the reasons for removal.

VII. The parents and relatives of the children shall be admitted to the Home on the first Sunday and second Thursday of each month, from 3 to 5 P. M., and at no other times, except by a special written permit from one of the Trustees. The nursery and playroom only shall be open to the parents and relatives of the children, except in cases of sickness.

Others interested in the Home will be welcome at any time.

VIII. The Matron and Assistant Matron shall not be absent from the Home at the same time, unless by special consent of the Monthly Visitor.

IX. At the annual meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, the President shall appoint the Monthly Visitors for the ensuing year, arranged in two lists, those on one list to begin visiting on the first of each month, and those on the other list to begin on the fifteenth, each to visit the Home one month. It shall be the duty of the Visitors, during their term, to visit the Home at least twice a week, and at various hours of the day, some of these visits to be on the visiting days for parents; to examine all parts of the house and to report in writing at the regular meeting, stating the number of children at the Home and the changes that have occurred since the last meeting.

X. The Standing Committees of the Corporation, to be appointed by the President at the annual meeting, shall be as follows: —

1. A Committee on Admission, who, in addition to the duties

mentioned above, shall keep a register containing the names, ages, and birthplaces of the children, date of admission, and any other information obtained.

2. A Committee on Adoption and Discharge, who shall be thoroughly acquainted with the case of every child placed in the Home, and shall, so far as possible, secure permanent homes elsewhere for those given up to the Corporation. They shall also continue to have an oversight of all children who have left the Home, but have not returned to their parents or immediate relatives.

3. A Committee on Clothing, who shall have entire charge of all clothing that goes into the Home, and shall attend to all cutting done there. Every gift of clothing of any kind, if sent first to the Home, must be laid aside by the Matron, and not used till examined by one of the committee. Every gift of goods or money for clothing is to go to the chairman of the committee.

4. A Committee on Provisions and House Supplies, who shall have entire charge of that department. All bills for such supplies, after approval by one of the committee, are to be paid monthly.

5. A Committee on Repairs, who shall attend promptly to all necessary repairs, when the amount to be expended does not exceed fifty dollars; an amount exceeding that sum must not be expended without previously obtaining the consent of the Corporation.

6. A Committee on Investments, who shall advise with the Treasurer in regard to the investment of the permanent and other funds.

7. An Executive Committee, who shall have, in the interval between the meetings of the Corporation, all the powers of the Trustees, except as to the expenditure of sums exceeding fifty dollars. This Committee shall report any exercise of its powers at the next meeting of the Corporation for its approval.

The chairman of each committee shall present at the annual meeting a full report, in writing, of the work of the committee for the preceding year.